

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A guidewire comprising:
a body portion having a first diameter and comprising a multiple filament group of individual wire coils wound adjacent to one another;
a distal end portion having a substantially constant second diameter that is less than the first diameter;
a taper portion having a taper from the first diameter to the second diameter;
and
a coating disposed over the distal end portion, taper portion, and at least a part of the body portion.
2. (Withdrawn)
3. (Original) The guidewire device according to claim 1, wherein the coating defines a taper adjacent the taper portion.
4. (Original) The guidewire device according to claim 1, wherein the coating comprises an elastic material.
5. (Original) The guidewire device according to claim 1, wherein the coating comprises a low-friction coating.
6. (Original) The guidewire device according to claim 1, wherein the coating comprises a hydrophilic material.
7. – 8. (Withdrawn)
9. (Original) The guidewire device according to claim 1, wherein the taper portion comprises a multiple-filament group of individual wire coils wound at a pitch angle different than a pitch angle of a multiple-filament group of individual wire coils of the body portion.
10. – 18. (Withdrawn).

19. (Previously Presented) A guidewire comprising:
a body portion having a first diameter and comprising a multiple filament group of individual wire coils wound adjacent to one another;
a distal end portion having a substantially constant second diameter that is less than the first diameter; and
a taper portion having a taper from the first diameter to the second diameter.

20. – 21. (Withdrawn)

22. (Previously Presented) The guidewire device according to claim 19, wherein the taper portion comprises a multiple-filament group of individual wire coils wound at a pitch angle different than a pitch angle of a multiple-filament group of individual wire coils of the body portion.

23. – 28. (Withdrawn).

29. (New) The guidewire of claim 3, wherein the taper portion of the guidewire and the taper defined by the coating define generally equal slopes.

30. (New) The guidewire of claim 22, further comprising:
a coating disposed over the distal end portion, taper portion, and at least a part of the body portion, wherein the coating defines a taper adjacent the taper portion and wherein the taper portion of the guidewire and the taper defined by the coating define generally equal slopes.